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LOCAL EDITIONS OF ASAHI AND MAINICHI REPORTED JANUARY 17 THAT PROSECUTION OF YASUO MORIOKA, ONE OF THREE MARUSEIDO MEMBERS WHO ATTACKED CONSULATE NOVEMBER 22, 1974, WAS FINISHED PREVIOUS DAY. PROSECUTION HAD DEMANDED SIX YEARS IMPRISONMENT, CLAIMING ATTACK HAD SERIOUSLY INSULTED NATIONAL HONOR OF U.S. PROSECUTION PRESENTATION VIS-A-VIS OTHER TWO ATTACKERS, TOSHIAKI KYOYA AND HIKARU KOISHI, WILL TAKE PLACE JANUARY 30. SENTENCING OF ALL THREE WILL TAKE PLACE IN LATE FEBRUARY OR EARLY MARCH.

WE UNDERSTAND THAT PROSECUTION WILL ASK FOR SIX YEARS IMPRISONMENT FOR ALL THREE ATTACKERS. USUAL SENTENCE IS ABOUT TWO-THIRDS OF SENTENCE PROSECUTION DEMANDS, MEANING THAT ALL THREE ARE LIKELY TO RECEIVE FOUR OR FIVE YEAR SENTENCE. MORIOKA, WHO HAS RENOUNCED MARUSEIDO AND RESIGNED HIS MEMBERSHIP, IS LIKELY TO RECEIVE SOMEWHAT LIGHTER SENTENCE, DEPENDING ON DEGREE JUDGE BELIEVES HIS REPENTANCE. WE WILL INFORM DEPARTMENT OF FINAL OUTCOME. RICHARDSON

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